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**Re: OFFICIAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

The following is an OFFICIAL RESPONSE to an Office Action filed November 4, 2004, in the below-identified U.S. Patent Application.

Application No.	:	10/709,960	Confirmation No. 3959
Applicant	:	Peter J. Schubert	
Filed:	:	June 9, 2004	
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Examiner	:	Galen L. Barefoot	
Docket No.	:	A4-1786	

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<b>FY 2005</b>		<b>A4-1786</b>
<i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		
Application Number	10/709,960 Filed 06/09/2004	
For <b>Apparatus and Method for Maneuvering Objects in Low/Zero Gravity Environments</b>		
Art Unit	Examiner <b>Galen L. Barefoot</b>	

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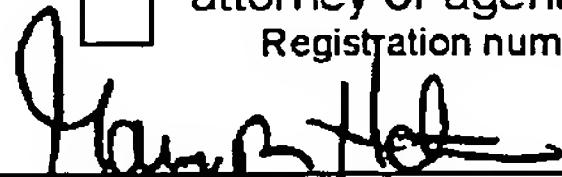
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